

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, we pause for a moment of prayer and to think about You, spiritual values and this day's legislative and personal tasks and agenda. We depend upon Your help in meeting our often demanding responsibilities and in taking advantage of all opportunities to serve You and constituents in a faithful manner. In this age of vast and instant information and data, teach us to be open, fair and objective listeners in our dialogue with people. Inspire us to be open to new ideas, insights and suggestions. Grant us the vision and the wisdom to plan wisely for the well-being of people and the Commonwealth in these exciting and changing times.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Luke Lanciano.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Luke Lanciano on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Edward Kermissey.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Officer Edward Kermissey on the occasion of his retirement from the Natick Police Department;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Orange, town meetings.

By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4277) of Christopher J. Donelan and Stephen M. Brewer (by vote of the town) relative to the holding of annual town meetings of the town of Orange;

Orange, firearms licensing fund.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4278) of Christopher J. Donelan and Stephen M. Brewer (by

vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to establish a firearms licensing fund; and

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4279) of David M. Torrisi and others (by vote of the town) that the town of North Andover be authorized to establish a neighborhood conservation district;

North Andover, conservation district.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 317) of Robert A. Havern for legislation relative to tuition for non-resident vocational students, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Tuition, non-residents.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2358) of Dianne Wilkerson (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Boston, liquor licenses.

Report of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on Executive Reorganization Plan No. #2 of 2007.

Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on the Reorganization Plan No. #2 of 2007 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) increasing the efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness of the Commonwealth's labor relations agencies (see House, No. 4244) [for majority report see Senate, No. 2359, and for minority report see Senate, No. 2360],—reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan No. #2 "ought to be approved".

Reorganization Plan #2.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being "Shall this reorganization plan be approved?"

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Gosselin, an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 4272). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Deborah Gosselin, sick leave.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Children's
mental
health.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, on Senate, Nos. 1133 and 1140 and House, Nos. 1872, 1882 and 1909, a Bill relative to children's mental health (House, No. 4276). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Women,
civil
commitment.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham (House, No. 1889, changed) ought to pass [Cost: \$2,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

U. S.
President,
popular vote.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, Nos. 445 and 452 and House, Nos. 678 and 710, a Bill relative to the agreement among states to elect the President by national popular vote (House, No. 678).

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following matters ought to pass:

Seniors,
bank fees.

Bill relative to exempting seniors from certain bank fees (House, No. 975);

Dental
corporations.

Bill relative to the investment of reserves by dental service corporations (House, No. 1042);

Mental
health
care.

Bill relative to mental health services in Massachusetts correctional institutions, houses of correction and jails (House, No. 1887) [Cost: \$100,000.00];

Disabled.

Bill to establish self determination for persons with disabilities (House, No. 1898);

Mosquitos.
Orleans,
retirees.

Bill relative to mosquito control (House, No. 2116); and
Bill validating certain health insurance payments made by the town of Orleans (House, No. 4035); and

Tick borne
illness.

The Resolve establishing a special commission relative to tick borne illness (House, No. 4201);

Housing
corporations.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to eligibility for cooperative housing corporations (House, No. 1224).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Norwood,
contract
termination.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the financing of a contract termination charge incurred by the town of Norwood (Senate, No. 2277) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Disabled
persons,
MassHealth
coverage.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Douglas W. Petersen and others for legislation to preserve MassHealth coverage for disabled persons. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, being on acceptance.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill protecting patient confidentiality (see House, No. 1315) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-seven minutes before four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-five minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.